



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Date: March 31, 2009

Ward 3 – House Fire – 500 Block of East Navajo Road

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Dispatch Time – 1752

On-Scene Time – 1756

Fire Under Control – 1806

We had numerous calls to 9-1-1 reporting this house fire. Two dogs were moved from the back yard, by neighbors, prior to arrival of the first fire engine. They were placed in a safe area away from the heat and smoke. The first unit arrived on scene to find smoke and flames coming from all of the windows and doors and nobody inside. It took twenty-three firefighters and eight units approximately ten minutes to extinguish this blaze. No injuries occurred, but the tenant lost everything as a result of this fire. Red Cross is assisting him with food and clothing. The landlord is providing him with another home nearby that he can live in.

Cause – “Accidental” electrical from overloaded extension cords and multi-plug adapter

Damage estimate - \$60,000

Safety Message: Extension cords are not designed to be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions when plugging items into these cords. Overloading cords can cause a fire. Placing cords through windows, under rugs, or in areas where they can become damaged could cause a fire. Replace cords when damaged.